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shaped roof, the height inside is seven and a half feet, whilst that at the entrance is only five feet.

The drawings consist of a number of hands, ten of which are still distinguishable; one tomahawk with handle, and three boomerangs—all executed in white stencil. There is also a drawing which appears to be intended for a snake or an adder, and eight iguanas, varying in length from two feet to three and a half feet. The snake or adder and the iguanas are drawn in black outline, shaded with a wash of the same color within their margins.

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NOTE.—I wish to make the following corrections in my paper on "Australian Rock Carvings," published in the PROCEEDINGS of this Society, Vol. xxxvi, No.

155:—

At page 200, line 5, for "western" read "northern."

At same page, line 6, for "No. 23" read "No. 83."

At page 203, line 8, for "portion" read "position."

At page 205, line 20, for "lind" read "line."

Figs. 39, 42 and 43, are on the same rock as Fig. 26.

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*Stated Meeting, December 3, 1897.*

Vice-President PEPPER in the Chair.

Present, 19 members.

Mr. George Vaux, Jr., and Mr. William Tatham, newly elected members, were presented to the presiding officer, and took their seats.

Mr. Edmunds, by unanimous consent, offered the following:

*Resolved*, That a Committee of five members be appointed by the Chair to report as soon as may be, such further amendments to those proposed by the Committee reporting the Laws now under consideration, as shall by them be deemed best, and especially to provide for a separation of the Laws of the Society required by its Charter, from the regulations of administration and order which need not be in its Charter Laws, and that meantime the proposed revision of the Laws now pending, stand over from stated meeting to stated meeting until disposed of.

Adopted.

The Chair appointed the following as the Committee: Hon George F. Edmunds, William A. Ingham, Esq., William P. Tatham, Esq., Samuel Dickson, Esq., and Richard L. Ashhurst, Esq.

Donations to the Cabinet and Library were announced, and thanks were ordered for them.

The death of Dr. George H. Horn, on November 24, 1897, æt. 58, was announced.

The following papers were read by title, as follows:

“The Passamaquoddy Wampum Records,” by J. Dyneley Prince, Ph.D.

“The Ethnic Affinities of the Guetares of Costa Rica,” by Daniel G. Brinton, M.D.

“The Sources of Goethe’s Printed Text: Hermann and Dorothea,” by Prof. W. T. Hewett.

Mr. McKean read the reports of the Committee on the Henry M. Phillips Prize Essay Fund and of the Trustees of the Building Fund.

Dr. Frazer made a communication, illustrated by photographic views, on “The Oursals and the Caucasus.”

The annual reports of Treasurer and Finance Committee were read.

The rough minutes were read, and the Society was adjourned by the presiding officer.

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## THE PASSAMAQUODDY WAMPUM RECORDS.

BY J. DYNELEY PRINCE, PH.D.

(*Read December 3, 1897.*)

The Passamaquoddy Indians of Maine, who, together with the Penobscots, now occupy Oldtown on the Penobscot river as their headquarters, are members of the great Algonkin family which was in former times the dominant native race from Nova Scotia to the Carolinas. The language still in use among the Passamaquoddies<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The Indians call themselves *Pestumagatiek* in their own idiom.